

The White House announced that the President will host NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer at the White House on March 20.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael D. Kirby to be Ambassador to Moldova.

The President announced his intention to appoint Floyd E. Bloom and Nicholas Eberstadt as members of the President's Council on Bioethics.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Jardine, Jr., Samuel Metters, and William Gregory Rothman as members of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas E. Harvey as Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted March 13

Jonann E. Chiles,
of Arkansas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2008, vice Robert J. Dieter, resigned.

Robert D. McCallum, Jr.,
of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Australia.

J. C. A. Stagg,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2011, vice Jay Phillip Greene, term expired.

Kenneth L. Wainstein,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General (new position).

Submitted March 15

Mark C. Minton,
of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mongolia.

John A. Rizzo,
of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Scott W. Muller, resigned.

Warren W. Tichenor,
of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Kevin E. Moley.

Andrew von Eschenbach,
of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Lester M. Crawford, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released March 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 449

Fact sheet: Strategy for Victory: Defeating the Terrorists and Training Iraqi Security Forces

Released March 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Mark B. McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 4515

Statement by the Press Secretary: Death of Former President of Estonia Lennart Meri

Fact sheet: The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Helping Seniors and Reducing Costs

Released March 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released March 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy National Security Adviser Jack D. Crouch III on the National Security Strategy

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of the Republic of Liberia

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Missouri

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 32

Fact sheet: President Bush Signs the Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act

Fact sheet: The President's National Security Strategy

Released March 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved March 13

S. 449 / Public Law 109–179

To facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971, and for other purposes

Approved March 14

H.R. 4515 / Public Law 109–180

To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, as the “Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office”

Approved March 16

H.R. 32 / Public Law 109–181

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks